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A Catalogue of Bromeliads

Travellers in Mexico and Central and South America are always struck by the color and brilliance of the various Bromeliads, Billbergias, Aechmeas, etc. -- seen growing in the foothills and mountains of these regions. In this group can be found plants for every conceivable situation, from the hardy Dyckias that will fit into the smallest rock garden, to the magnificent Puya, than which there are few plants more spectacular when in bloom.

Among these semi-epiphytal plants can be found several varieties well suited to house or patio culture, while most can be included in the choicest conservatory collection, giving color and form hardly surpassed even among the Orchids. Many make excellent pot and hanging basket subjects.

The Evans & Reeves Nurseries are pleased to present one of the largest collections of Bromeliads in the United States, numbering scores of species and varieties. For purposes of the present catalogue, we have confined our listing to approximately twenty principal types, comprising the major items offered by ourselves in quantity. For collectors we have in addition a great many Pitcairnias, Tillandsias, Billbergias, etc., which we have not taken space to describe.

The culture of these exotic plants is very simple. They like partial or filtered sunlight, such as is afforded by a lath house or the branches of trees, and they can be grown in the ground, in pots, in baskets, or on logs or blocks of wood. The soil should be light, in fact most of these plants will do well in a compost of leaf mold, or a light soil mixture. They are also well grown in osmundine (orchid peat). They flower irregularly almost the year 'round, and some of the individual flowers of species such as the Aechmeas will remain in good condition for almost six months.

It has been found that most of these plants, especially the Billbergias, can be stimulated to bloom by the application of a small quantity of calcium carbide, following which treatment a flower spike will frequently appear in about six to eight weeks, particularly if this procedure is followed in late fall. Occasional applications of

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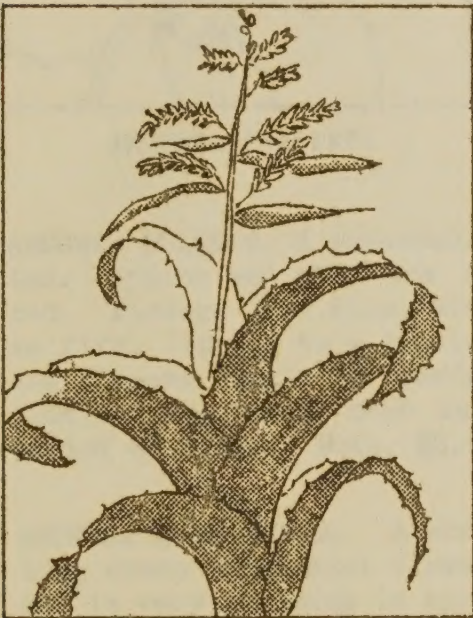
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fertilizer such as cow manure or a good liquid fertilizer prove beneficial. Plants should be kept reasonably moist but not wet, however water should be permitted to stand in the funnels of those types which naturally collect it in their native state.

We have a large supply of fine specimens of many of the Bromeliads listed below, arranged in wire baskets and worked into the hollows of small logs, etc., which we offer at prices ranging from \$7.50 to \$15.00. Suspended in the air or against wall posts or trees these create a beautiful effect when covered with flowers, and indeed are interesting and attractive even when not in flower.

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AECHMEA BRACTEATA

AECHMEA BRACTEATA (Syn. *Aechmea Barleei*). A particularly fine species with very long flower spathes with deep rose bracts and yellow flowers. Flowers of this species will hold their color and beauty for as much as five to six months. Should be in every collection, as should all the *Aechmeas* we list.

Pots, \$3.50 up.

AECHMEA CALYCVLATA. Flowers bright yellow with red bracts. A beautiful plant for conservatory or glass porch use. Pots \$2.50 up.

AECHMEA CAUDATA. A strong grower with attractive variegated foliage. Large heads of orange red flowers on stems as much as three feet long. Pots, \$2.50 up.

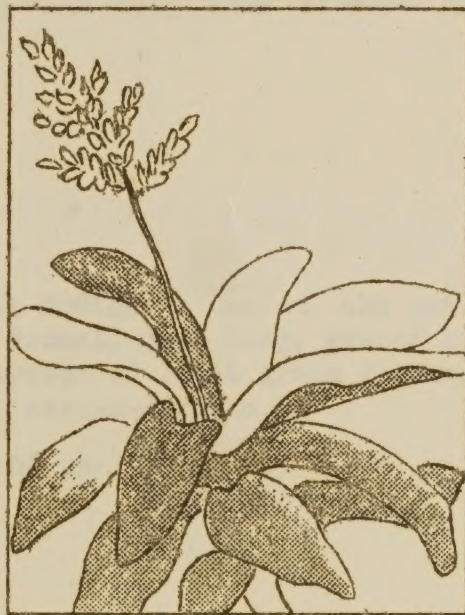


AECHMEA CAUDATA



AECHMEA FASCIATA

AECHMEA FULGENS. A remarkable Bromeliad. Spathe and stem are an amazing red. Flowers are blue, with as many as fifty flowers to a cluster. Spathe and flowers remain in perfect condition on the plant over an extended period of time. Pots, \$3.00 up.



AECHMEA FULGENS

AECHMEA MYRIOPHYLLA. A strong growing species with long leaves and long stems of scarlet flowers. This Aechmea forms large, bold clumps and is very striking in appearance. Pots, \$3.00; Specimens, to \$10.00.

AECHMEA WEILBACHII. Red bracts, with dense heads of red and blue flowers succeeded by clusters of rose colored berries, which remain on the plant a considerable length of time. A lovely Bromeliad. Pots, \$3.00 up.

AREGELIA SPECTABILIS. A very handsome plant for pot or basket cultivation; does equally well in the ground. The leaves are beautifully barred and mottled, with red tips. The flowers, which occur at the apex of the plant, are pale blue. Pots, \$1.50 up.



AREGELIA SPECTABILIS

AREGELIA hybrids. Leaves beautifully barred and mottled. Treatment same as for Aregelia Spectabilis. Pots, \$1.50 up.

BILLBERGIA AMOENA hybrids. Very free bloomers, flowering on and off throughout the year, and forming large clumps. The leaves are barred and striped and even when not in bloom these plants are very handsome. Large, striking red-coral bracts, with deep blue flowers on long stems. Pots, \$1.00 up.



BILLBERGIA NOBILE

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BILLBERGIA NUTANS hybrids. Very free bloomers with large, long, drooping, deep rose-pink bracts. Excellent for hanging basket cultivation. A constant bloomer. Pots, \$2.00 up.



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BILLBERGIA RUBRA CYANEA. Beautifully colored leaves with red and blue flowers borne on brilliant Chinese red bracts. Very attractive in floral arrangements. Pots, 75¢ up.

AMORPHIA HYBRIDA. Leaves beautifully patterned and mottled. Treatment same as for *Amorpha spectabilis*. Pots, \$1.50 up.

BILBERGIA AMORPHICA HYBRIDA. Very free bloomer, flowering on and off throughout the year, and forming large clumps. The leaves are patterned and striped and even when not in bloom these plants are very handsome. Large, striking red-coral bracts, with deep blue flowers on long stems. Pots, \$1.00 up.

BILBERGIA MORILE. One of the outstanding bromeliads. Long, graceful, arching spray of light green flowers. Bracts of coral-carmine. Pots, \$1.50 up.



BILBERGIA MORILE



BILBERGIA NUTANS

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BILLBERGIA THYRSOIDEA

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BILLBERGIA ZEBRINA

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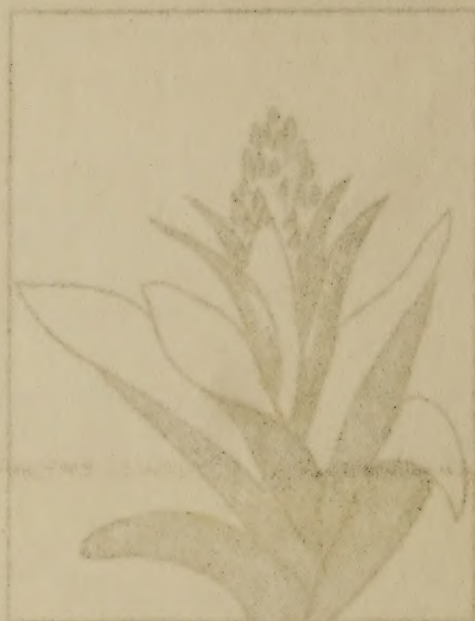
PUYA ALPESTRIS. A strong growing plant succeeding perfectly in poor soils and extremes of temperature. Dense spikes five feet high of metallic blue flowers. An amazing sight in bloom. Plants must be at least five years old before they will bloom. Pots, \$1.00 up. Blooming sized plants, \$7.50 up.



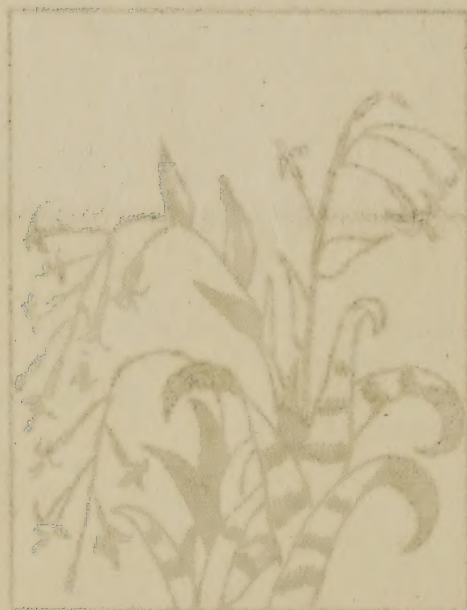
TILLANDSIA LINDENI

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BILBERGIA THYRSOIDES. Very fresh green leaves, with dense erect flower clusters. The flowers are tipped with violet and the bracts are a glowing red. A very fine specimen. Price, \$2.00 up.



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BILBERGIA EXONIENSIS

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PUTA ALBERTINIS. A strong growing plant succeeding perfectly in poor soils and extremes of temperature. Dense spikes five feet high of metallic blue flowers. An amazing sight in bloom. Plants must be at least five years old before they will bloom. Price \$1.00 up. Bloom in the first plants. \$7.50 up.



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